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Part 1

DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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**THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN**

JOKER

THE ADVENTURES OF

AND CINNAMAN

APPLE



DEFENDERS OF THE SPRINKLES

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T IRED OF BEING CHASED BY THE HUNGRY ALLIGATOR...



THE SWAMP ANIMALS DECIDED TO GIVE HIM APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS®



HE LIKED APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS, AND DECIDED TO FIND SOME MORE...



IN FACT, HE LIKED THE SPRINKLES SO MUCH HE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER OF EATING THEM



GIMME THOSE SPRINKLES!



AND SO, APPLE AND CINNAMAN, THE HEROES WHO DEFEND THE SPRINKLES, WERE CALLED...



THEY RACED TO THE RESCUE IN THEIR BOAT.



GOSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! HOW ON EARTH CAN HE STOP HIM?



LET'S SEE... ANTI-ZEBRA GUN... ANTI-WALRUS GUN... I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANTI-GATOR GUN!



GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THIS LEFTOVER HAM!



IT WORKED! THE HAM STOPPED SPRINGLEGATOR!



AND ONCE AGAIN, APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS WAS PART OF A GOOD BREAKFAST!

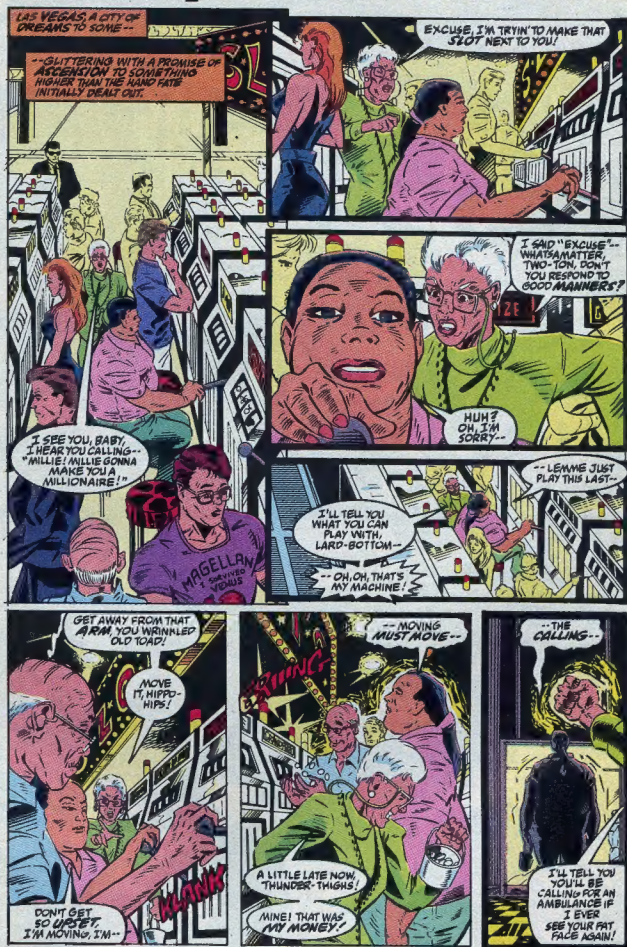


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A CHILDHOOD ACCIDENT STOLE HIS SIGHT, BUT, INCREDIBLY, IT ENDOWED YOUNG MATT MURDOCK WITH RADAR VISION AND HEIGHTENED SENSES. ARMED ONLY WITH HIS ATHLETIC PROWESS, BILLY CLUB, AND INDOMITABLE COURAGE, MATT BATTLES INJUSTICE AS A CRIMSON-CLAD GLADIATOR!

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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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THE REALITY IS
HARSHER.

"IT HAS BEEN A LONG
WAIT, CHILD, I KNOW..."

SPEED DOMINATES SO THAT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH IS HAD,
MORE IS WANTED.

...LIVING THE LIE OF A
NORMAL EXISTENCE
UNTIL THE SUMMONING,
UNTIL THE HAND HAD
NEED OF YOU!

OUR FUNG SHUI MEN
DESIGNED THIS ROOM
FOR A NIGHT JUST SUCH
AS THIS--



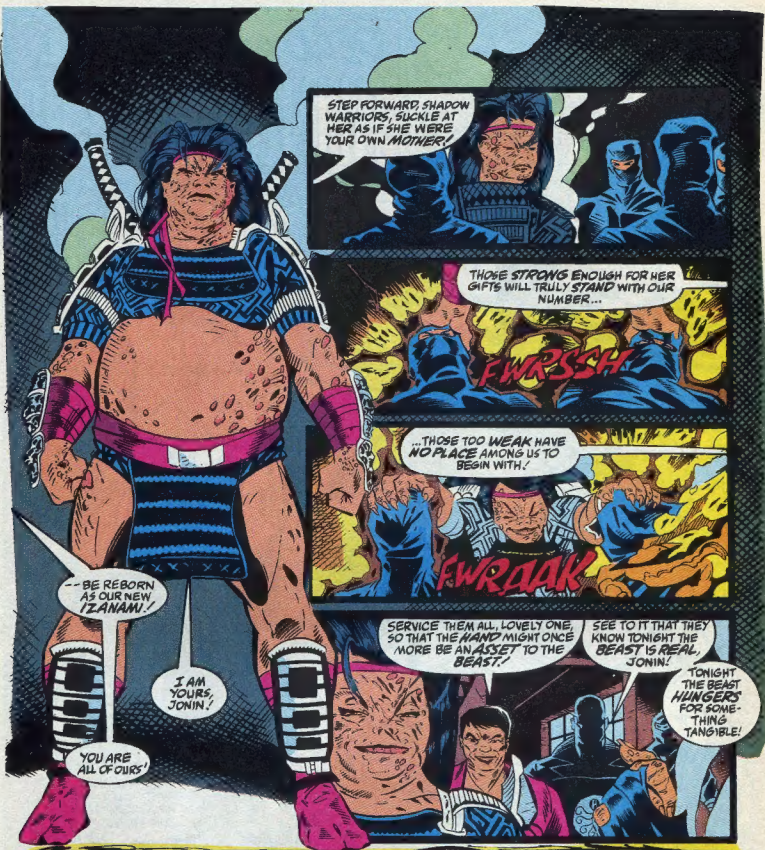
--POSITIONING THE DOORS AND
WINDOWS TO DRAW IN THE NEG-
ATIVE ENERGY FROM THE
DRAGONS' DENS IN THE HILLS!

A VICIOUS CYCLE WHERE
GAMBLING IN ALL ITS FORMS
BECOMES THE VERY EVIL
VICE IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
WARNED TO BE, AND ONLY
THE HOUSE WINS IN THE
END.

RECEIVE
THEIR FOUL
SACRAMENT--



UNDER THE NEON LIGHTS, A DARK
RITUAL PLAYED OUT ONCE MORE...



STEP FORWARD, SHADOW
WARRIORS, SUCKLE AT
HER AS IF SHE WERE
YOUR OWN MOTHER!

THOSE STRONG ENOUGH FOR HER
GIFTS WILL TRULY STAND WITH OUR
NUMBER...

FWRSSH

...THOSE TOO WEAK HAVE
NO PLACE AMONG US TO
BEGIN WITH!

FWRRAK

-- BE REBORN
AS OUR NEW
IZANAMI!

I AM
YOURS,
JONIN!

YOU ARE
ALL OF OURS!

SERVICE THEM ALL, LOVELY ONE,
SO THAT THE HAND MIGHT ONCE
MORE BE AN ASSET TO THE
BEAST!

SEE TO IT THAT THEY
KNOW TONIGHT THE
BEAST IS REAL,
JONIN!

TONIGHT
THE BEAST
HUNGERS
FOR SOME-
THING
TANGIBLE!



AS YOU DESIRE,
BARON VON
STRUCKER!

THIS "CRIMELORD
CONVENTION" TO DIVIDE
UP THE FALLEN KINGPIN'S
SPOILS OFFERS MANY A
TASTY MORSEL!

TONIGHT
THE BEAST
WILL FEED..

I'M THE MANAGER,
EVERYONE JUST
STAY C-CALM...

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IT'S ALL RIGHT
MISTER, WE'VE
GOT IT UNDER
CONTROL!

YOU STAY CALM
AND YOU TAKE
YOUR "CONTROL"
AND SHOVE IT!

MY FRIENDS IN
TROUBLE AND THE LAST
THING I'M GOING TO BE
IS CASUAL ABOUT IT!

ATTUNED TO A NEW YORK CITY CAULDRON
OF 8 MILLION COLLIDING SOULS, I'M AT EASE
AND AT HOME.

IN A DESERT PLAYGROUND FULL OF
UNKNOWN SENSATION, I'M LOST
AND LOSING IT RAPIDLY.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT
THEY COULDN'T GET
ANY BIGGER OR BETTER.



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GRAPHICS AND FIVE NEW HOLOGRAMS,
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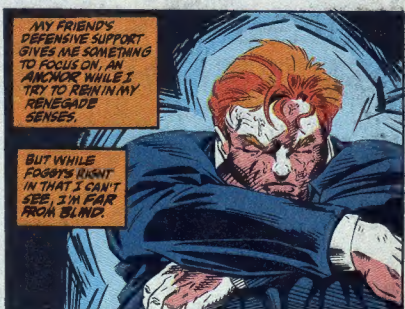
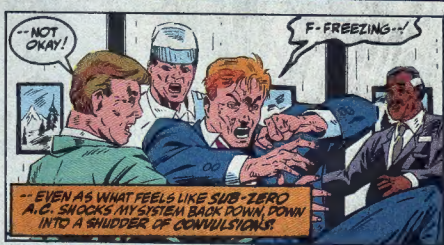
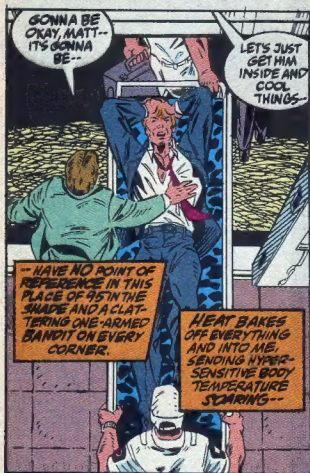
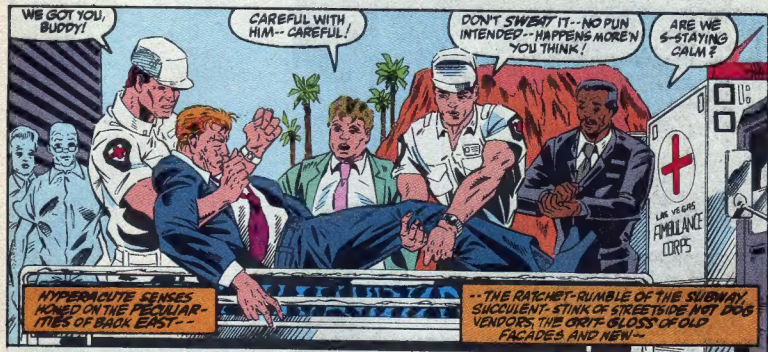
NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW COOL
THESE CARDS ARE, THE LAST THING
YOU NEED IS FOR SOME KID FROM
DOWN THE STREET TO BEAT YOU TO
'EM. BE BIGGER. BE BETTER. BE FIRST.

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Bases loaded, full-count



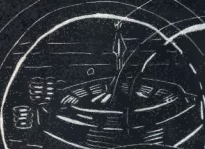
Pop fly to left field



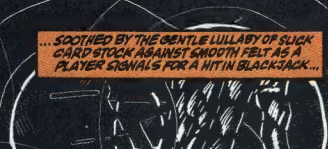
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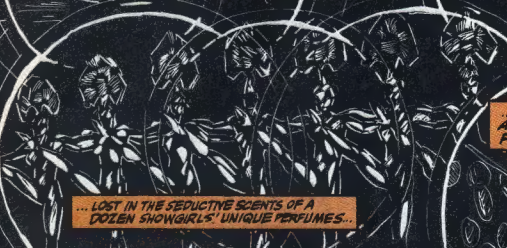




NOT WITH PERCEPTIONS
ASSAULTED BY THE RAPID
REVOLUTION OF A SINGLE
ROULETTE WHEEL FROM
ACROSS THE CASINO'S
PANDEMONIUM...




...SOOTHED BY THE GENTLE LULLABY OF SLICK
CARD STOCK AGAINST SMOOTH FELT AS A
PLAYER SIGNALS FOR A HIT IN BLACKJACK...



...LOST IN THE SEDUCTIVE SCENTS OF A
DOZEN SHOWGIRLS' UNIQUE PERFUMES...



...TASTING COPPERY WINNINGS
AS SALT-SWEATY HANDS REACH
FOR RATTLING SUCCESS...



...TENSING AS RADAR PICKS OUT
THE TELLTALE BULGES OF HOLSTERED
WEAPONS THAT ARE THE ANTE IN
THIS MOB-BUILT TOWN'S OLDEST
AND DEADLIEST GAME...



BETTER WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE GOIN',
FALLY!

AND WHO
YOU'RE GOIN'
UP AGAINST!




DON'T EVEN THINK
ABOUT IT.



YEAH,
WELL,
YOU
WATCH
YOUR
BACK...

HE'S GOT
A KID FOR
THAT!

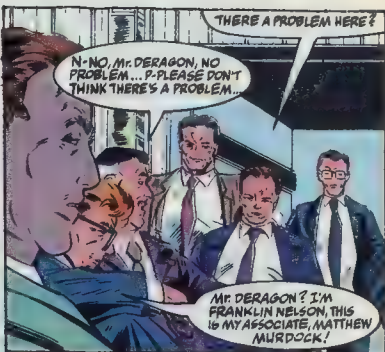


NICE
FATHER FIGURE!



DRINK UP-- SALT WATER
AND FRUIT JUICE, BRING
YOUR INTERNAL LEVELS
BACK TO NORMAL FROM
THE HEAT!

IT HAS A VERY
C-CALMING
EFFECT...



THERE A PROBLEM HERE?

N-NO, MR. DERAGON, NO
PROBLEM... P-PLEASE DON'T
THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM...

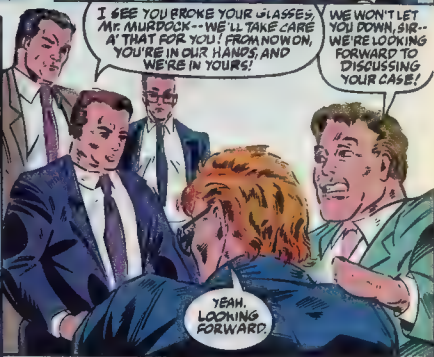
MR. DERAGON? I'M
FRANKLIN NELSON, THIS
IS MY ASSOCIATE, MATTHEW
MURDOCK!



THE NEW YORK SHYST--
AHEM, OUR LEGAL
REPRESENTATION
FROM THE EAST COAST!

DELIGHTED, GENTLEMEN,
DELIGHTED-- AIN'T WE,
JOEY?

DELIGHTED.



I SEE YOU BROKE YOUR GLASSES,
MR. MURDOCK-- WE'LL TAKE CARE
A' THAT FOR YOU! FROM NOW ON,
YOU'RE IN OUR HANDS, AND
WE'RE IN YOURS!

WE WON'T LET
YOU DOWN, SIR--
WE'RE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
DISCUSSING
YOUR CASE!

YEAH,
LOOKING
FORWARD.



I TRY AND SHARE FOGGY'S ENTHUSIASM... I DID WHEN
IT WAS HIGH ROLLERS LOOKING TO DROP DOLLARS ON
TWO N.Y.C. ADVOCATES ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL...

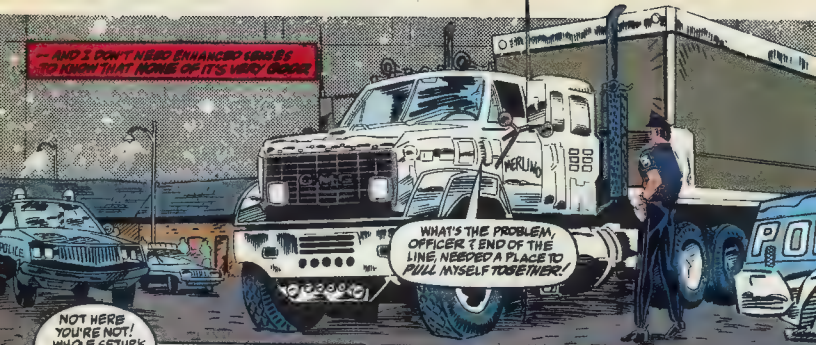
BUT RADAR DOESN'T LIE--
DERAGON AND HIS ASSOCIATES
ARE PACKING MORE THAN
GOOD INTENTIONS.

HIGH ROLLERS HAVE JUST
BECOME HIGH STAKES.



MORE'S GOING ON IN LAS
VEGAS THAN MEETS THE
EYE-- PARDON THE EX-
PRESSION--

— AND I DON'T NEED ENHANCED SENSES
TO KNOW THAT NONE OF IT'S VERY GOOD



NOT HERE
YOU'RE NOT!
WHOLE SETUPS
UNDER INVES-
TIGATION!



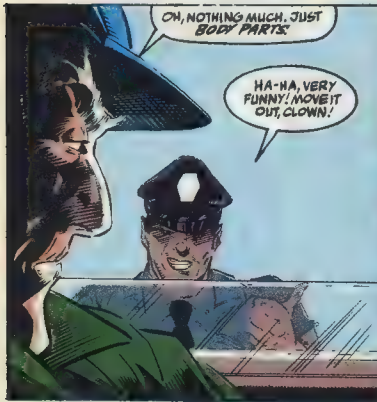
SOUNDS NASTY.

I GUESS I'LL BE
NEEDING SOME-
WHERE ELSE TO
HOLE UP THEN.



OH, NOTHING MUCH. JUST
BODY PARTS.

HA-HA, VERY
FUNNY! MOVE IT
OUT, CLOWN!



HA-HA.

VERY
FUNNY...





"I NEED YOUR IMPRINT ON THIS...
IT'S WHY WE'RE HERE IN TOWN..."

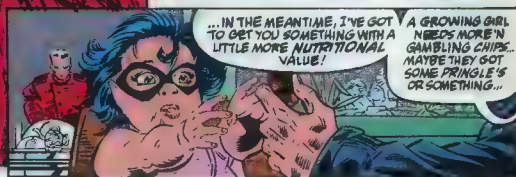


...GOVERNMENT WANTS ME TO TAKE CARE
OF THE SILLUS BY TAKING HIM OUT! THEN
THEY LOOK THE OTHER WAY WHEN IT COMES
TIME TO SERVE THE WARRANTS FOR MY
ARREST!



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO
AN HONEST DAY'S PAY FOR AN
HONEST DAY'S WORK, HUH?

MAYBE IT'LL BE BACK IN
STYLE BY THE TIME YOU'VE
GOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT,
BUCKY...



...IN THE MEANTIME, I'VE GOT
TO GET YOU SOMETHING WITH A
LITTLE MORE NUTRITIONAL
VALUE!

A GROWING GIRL
NEEDS MORE'N
GAMBLING CHIPS...
MAYBE THEY GOT
SOME FRINGLE'S
OR SOMETHING...



HEY BUS-
BOY, THINK I
COULD GET
SOME MILK
FOR THE
KID?

NOT MY
STATION.



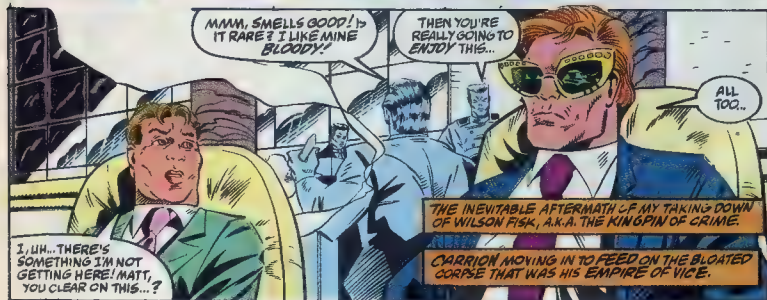
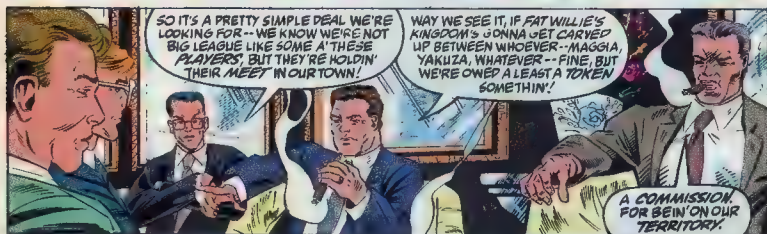
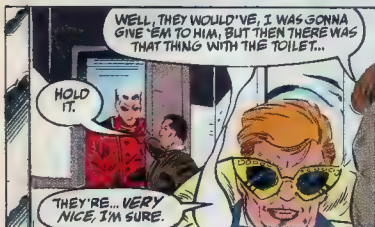
BRRR! TALK ABOUT THE
COLD SHOULDER--
LITERALLY! THAT GUY
FEELS LIKE ICE, BUCKY!

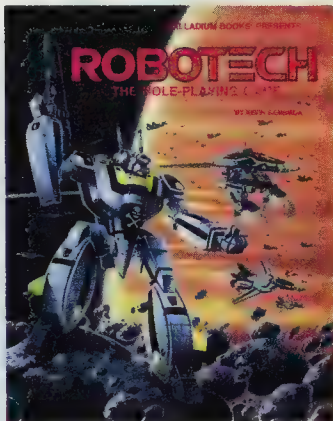
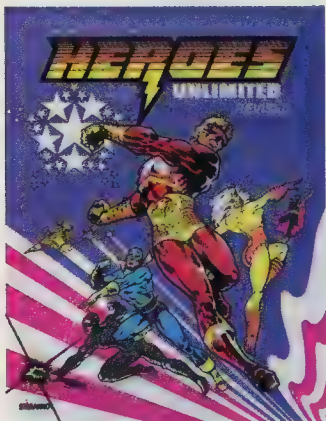


AND HIDING SOMETHING
UNDER AN INCH OR SO
OF MAKEUP!



I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE AS
TO WHAT EXACTLY'S GOING
ON HERE, KID... BUT ME-
THINKS WE BELONG IN
THE THICK OF IT!





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WHAT'RE YOU BOYS
JERKING MY CHAIN FOR?

WE KNOW YOU DONE WORK FOR
FISK, NELSON, THAT'S WHY WE
HIRED YOU! WE NEEDED A BIG
SHOT MOB LAWYER TO GIVE US
CLOUT WITH THESE PEOPLE!

I MEAN, WHAT'S NEXT--YOU
WERE ONLY DOIN' LEGIT LEGAL
EAGLE STUFF FOR BIG WILIE?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, UM -- YES?
AND ONCE I REALIZED WHO I WAS
WORKING FOR I, UM -- QUIT?

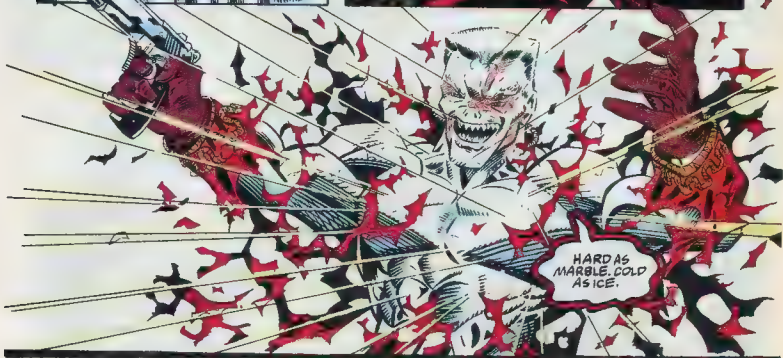
LOOK, MR. DERAGON, THERE'S
OBVIOUSLY BEEN A TERRIBLE
MISUNDERSTANDING HERE!
BUT I'M CERTAIN IF WE WORK
TOGETHER, WE CAN AVOID
THINGS TURNING INTO A
MAJOR PROBLEM FOR ALL--

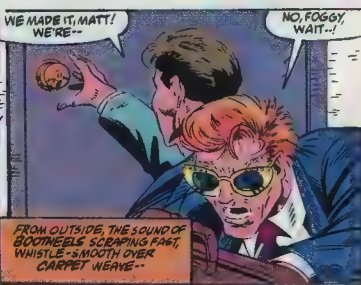
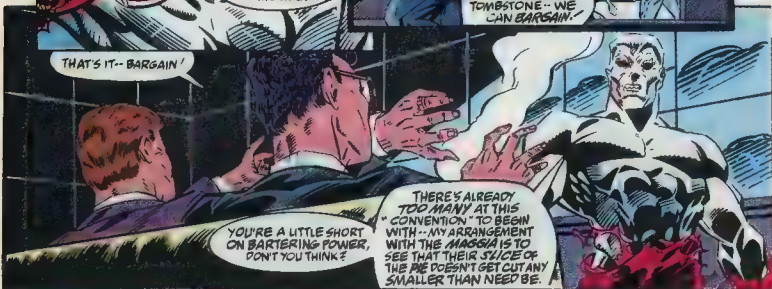
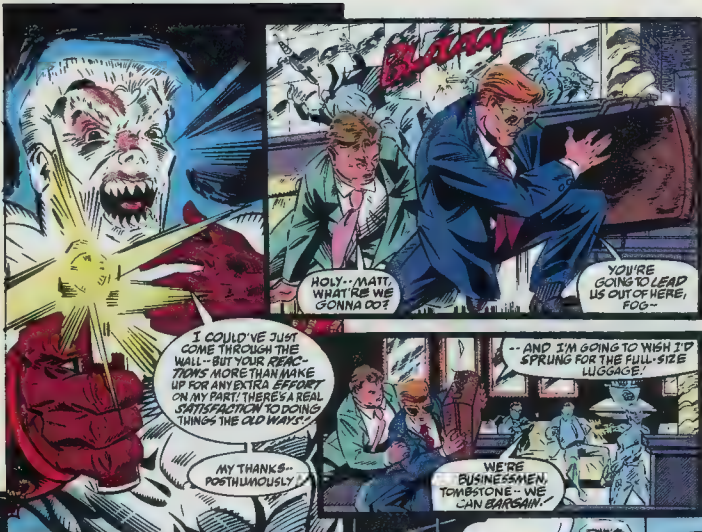
WHAT'S WITH THIS BUSTIN'
OUR CHOPS? WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?

THE ANSWER COMES AS
MY SENSES REALIGN TO
PICK OUT THE BITTER
SCENT OF GREASEPAINT
CLOYING AROUND AN
IDENTIFYING HEART-
BEAT--

BEATING A HEARTLESS
RHYTHM IN THE CHEST OF
A HITMAN NAMED
TOMSTONE.

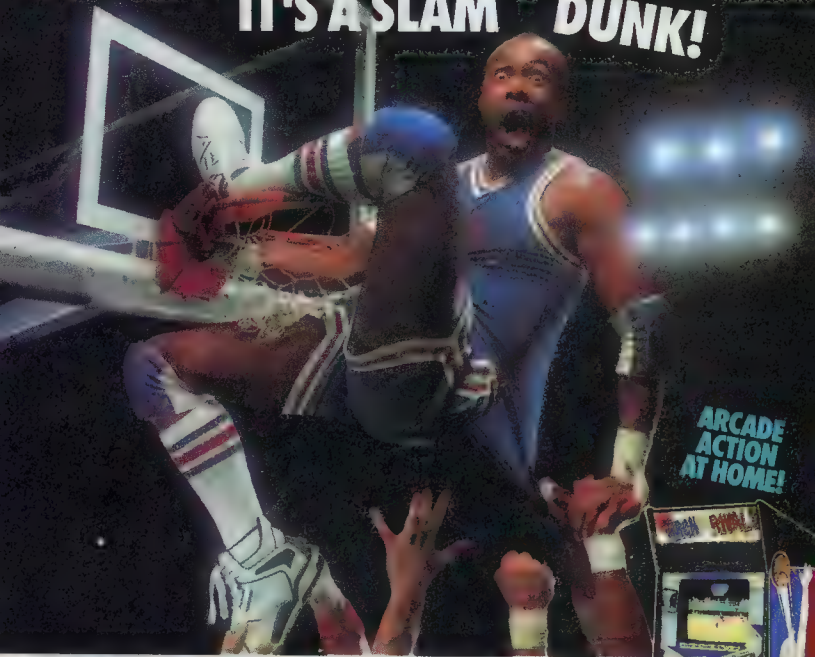
I'M THE
PROBLEM.





BASKET-BRAWL!

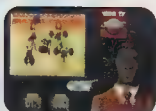
IT'S A SLAM DUNK!



**ARCADE
ACTION
AT HOME!**



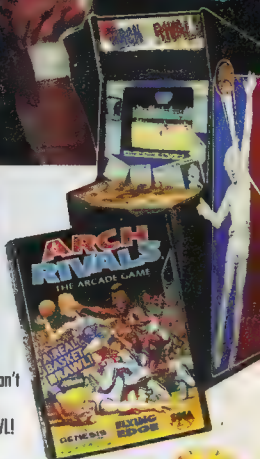
**GET READY FOR AN ALL-
OUT BASKETBRAWL.**



**DON'T MISS THIS
HALF-TIME SHOW.**



**NO FOULS! KNOCK YOUR
OPPONENT'S BLOCK OFF!**



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MECRASH

-- ON A COLLISION COURSE

ROOM FULLA DEAD WISE GUYS,
GUNSMOKE SO THICK YOU CAN CHOKE
ON IT-- I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT
THE STORY IS HERE--

WATCH YOURSELF
FOGGY!

TOUGH CHOICE, PAL--
CONCUSSION THERE OR
HEADACHE HERE!
MY APOLOGIES, AND I
BUY THE ASPIRIN!

KRAK



-- WELL, USUALLY
THEY HURT!



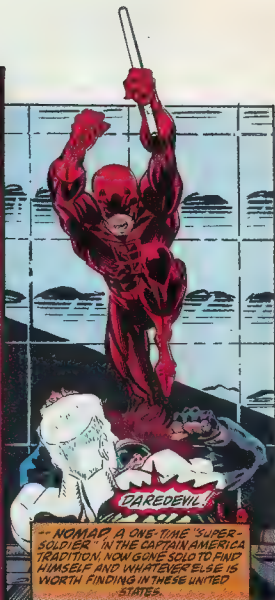
I'LL
SHOW YOU
HURT

HURTS, DON'T
THEY? STUN,
DISCS, SPENT-
URANIUM
CORES
SURROUNDED
BY--

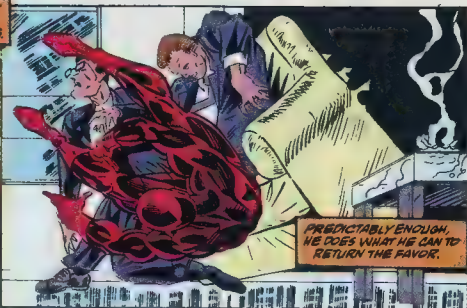
-- BUT YOU'RE
GONNA BE THE
ONE TO PAY
FOR IT!



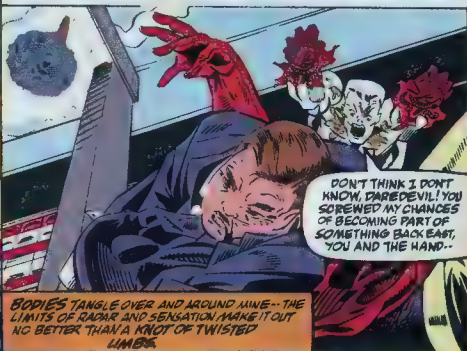
TIME TO SLIP
INTO SOMETHING
MORE COMFOR-
TABLE...



ALCOHOL DRIPS DOWN OFF THE KILLER'S
PRETERNATURALLY HARDENED SKIN INTO
THE SOFTER TISSUE OF HIS EYES, BURNING.



PREDICTABLY ENOUGH,
HE DOES WHAT HE CAN TO
RETURN THE FAVOR.



DON'T THINK I DON'T
KNOW, DAREDEVIL! YOU
SOWN THE SEEDS OF
BECOMING PART OF
SOMETHING BACK EAST,
YOU AND THE HAND--

BODIES TANGLE OVER AND AROUND MINE--THE
LIMITS OF REACH AND SENSATION MAKE IT OUT
NO BETTER THAN A KNOT OF TWISTED
LIMBS.

I FIND JUST ENOUGH LEVERAGE
SOMEWHERE--

-- IT'S GOT TO BE
ENOUGH--



--THEIR TURN'S
COMING SOON!
YOU GET
YOURS NOW!

--STRAINING PAST RESTRICTED
MOVEMENT TO FOLLOW THE
WARNING ENDS OF MY
FINGERTIPS.



CIGAR ASHES TICKLE
MY NOSE AS THE STIFLING
ODOR OF ALCOHOL
SURROUNDING TOMB-
STONE SUDDENLY
VANISHES--

--IGNITING AWAY IN A
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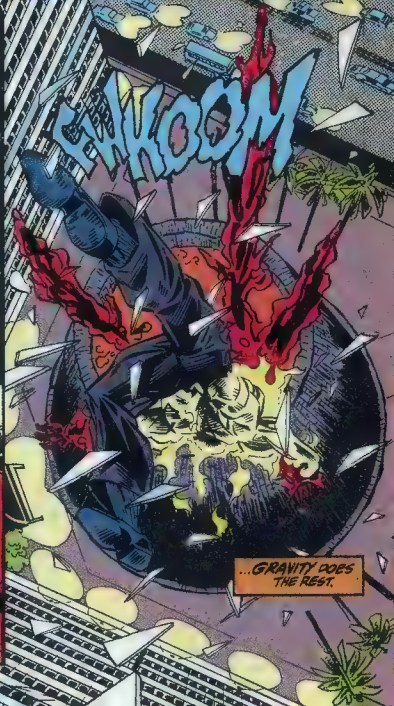
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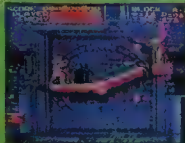




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THE MIRAGE'S SHOWCASE
VOLCANO BREAKS TOMB-
STONE'S FALL--

--AS OPPOSED TO THE STONE-
COLD ASSASSIN BREAKING
THROUGH THE BLACKTOP OF
THE HOTEL'S PARKING LOT.

SILKAASH

TONIGHT'S
JOB'S DONE,
RED-MAN...

...BUT TOMORROW'S
AS GOOD A DAY FOR YOU
TO DIE...

PSEUDO-MAGMA CAN'T EVEN
COME CLOSE TO MATCHING THE
WHITE-HOT QUALITY OF THE
MOBSTER'S TEMPER.

THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES
OF DEATH THREATS DOESN'T
BOther ME --

NOT WHEN THERE ARE
MORE IMMEDIATE CON-
CERNS OF AN UNSUS-
PECTING PUBLIC--
AT-LARGE

HEAVIES LIKE THE ALBINO DON'T
COME TO TOWN FOR THE WAYNE
NEWTON NUMBER, HUM?

ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING
DOWN HERE, THREDEVIL?

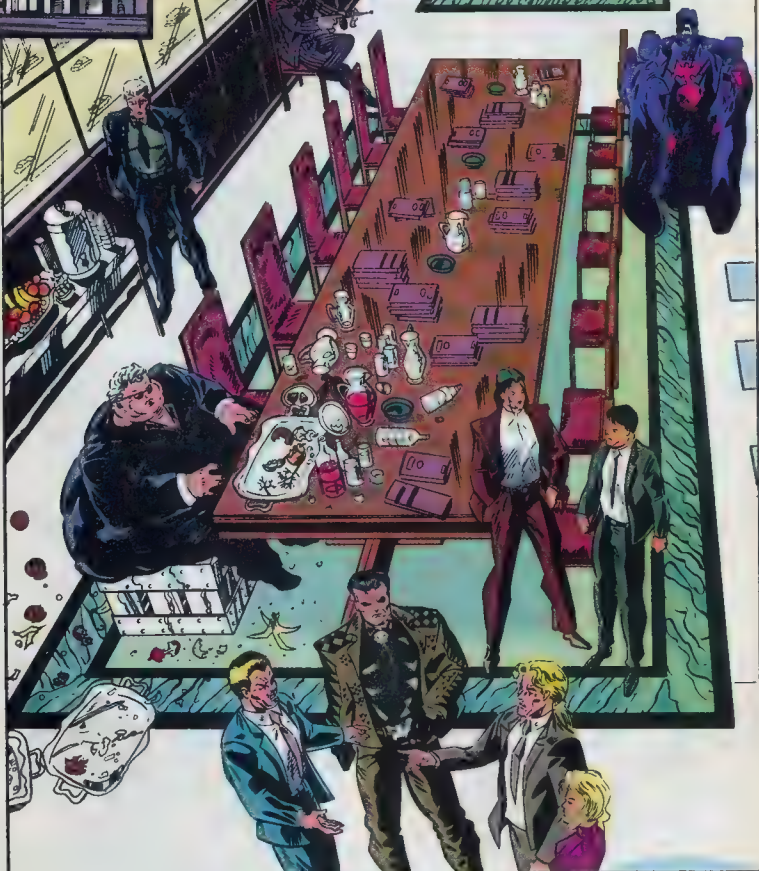
SOMETHING VERY NASTY
AT WORK, NOMAD...SEVERAL
SOMEONES RISKING INNOCENT
LIVES BY PUTTING AN IMMORAL
MACHINE BACK ON LINE.

THE QUESTION IS,
JUST WHERE TO
THROW THE
MONKEY WRENCH...?

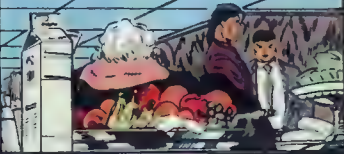
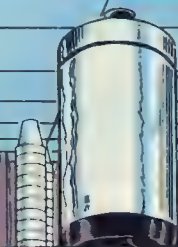
IT'S THE HITMAN'S JOB TO BE
COLD, COLD UTTERLY UNFEELING
WHEN IT COMES TO HIS VICTIMS.

WHEN IT COMES TO HIS FRIENDS
IN WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED A
FAMILY BUSINESS, IT'S ANOTHER
MATTER.

HE HATES
THEM ALL WITH
A PASSION.



HIS WAYS ARE THE OLD WAYS OF SINNY SUITS
AND BOMBS ON ENGINE BLOCKS...



NOT A BOARDROOM MEETING TO
DIVIDE A FAT AND FALLEN KING'S
FEUDAL HOLDINGS IN AN ATMOS-
PHERE OF TENSE CIVILITY.

SOME TRY TO MAKE IT
DOWN TO TOMBSOME'S
LEVEL BY ASSUMING A
FANTASY ROLE GLEANED
FROM FLICKERING
SCREEN IMAGES--

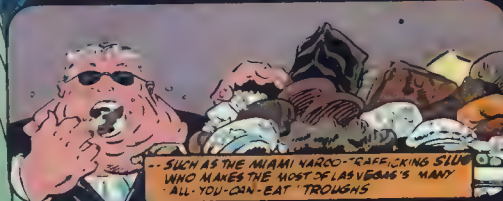
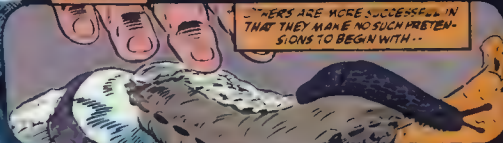
-- LIKE HIS CURRENT
MAGGIA SUPERIOR,
THE ARMOR-SKULLED
HAMMERHEAD--

-- AND FAIL
WISERABLY

TOP OF THE WORLD MA



OTHERS ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN
THAT THEY MAKE NO SUCH PRETEN-
SIONS TO BEGIN WITH--

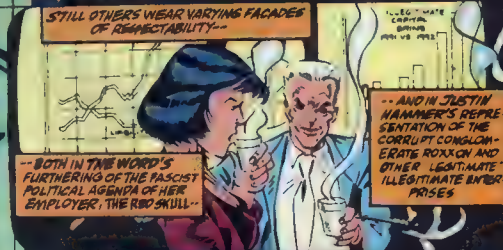


-- SUCH AS THE MIAMI YARCO--RAFFICKING SLUG
WHO MAKES THE MOST OF LAS VEGAS'S MANY
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TROUGHS

STILL OTHERS WEAR VARYING FACADES
OF RESEMBLANCE--

-- BOTH IN THE WORD'S
FURTHERING OF THE FASCIST
POLITICAL AGENDA OF HER
EMPLOYER, THE RED SKULL--

-- AND IN JUSTIN
HAMMER'S REPRE-
SENTATION OF THE
CORRUPT CONGLOM-
ERATE ROXXON AND
OTHER LEGITIMATE
ILLEGITIMATE ENTER-
PRISES



SIBLING RIVALRY SUGGESTS
SOME OF THE ANIMAL SIDE...

...BUT NOWHERE NEAR
ENOUGH

THE MUTANT POWERS OF FENRIS'S ANDREA
AND ANDREAS VON STRUCKER FLARING TO
OPPOSE BROTHER WERNER'S CLAIM THAT
HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REFORMATION
OF HYDRA

THE TERRORIST CABAL THEIR
SUPPOSEDLY LATE FATHER
ESTABLISHED LONG AGO

A BODYGUARD NAMED SHAKESKIN
BACKS UP THE YOUNG MAN'S ARROGANT
WORDS...

...AS THE ARCANE LANGUAGE OF THE SO-CALLED
"SECRET EMPIRE'S" DELEGATION TURNS CRIMINAL
BUSINESS INTO "ELOCIOUS" DEMENTIA

WHILE DIGNITY IS THE MASK OF THE
YAKUZA--UNRAID LEADER OF THE
TETSUO CLAN--

...AND THE LATEST JUNKIN
OF THE NINJA CULT.

LET US NEVER FORGET
THE NEED TO REMEMBER
OUR SOLITARY EXISTENCE
AS PART OF THE LAWBREAK-
ING COLLECTIVE...

THIS IS
THE REWARD
FOR FAILURE
AMONG MY
FOLLOWERS!

THE HAND
TOO ADMIRE
HARSH METHODS...


TOMBSTONE'S OBJECTIVITY ON BEHALF OF THE
MAGGIA -- THAT UNFEELING CYNICISM FOR WHICH
HE'D BEEN CONTRACTED -- MELTS AWAY WHEN
CONFRONTED WITH THE HAND'S MASTER

HE RECALLS THE
OLD DAYS

HE REMEMBERS A TIME OF DESIRING TO
JOIN THEIR NUMBER TO TRULY BELONG
TO SOMETHING -- AND BEING USED
INSTEAD

A SILENCER IN THE NIGHT
INSTEAD OF PLAYACTING
AT BEING SOMETHING
CIVILIZED THAT NONE OF
THEM IS

TOMBSTONE
REMEMBERS...
AND LOOKS
FORWARD



HE LOOKS AHEAD TO A
TIME WHEN "LEGITIMACY"
YIELDS SUBSTANTIAL
RETURNS.

HOODED
MEN
DOING A
SLOW
DANCE.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
REUNITED ON EQUAL
TERMS.

THE REWARD
FOR FAILURE.

ONLY THE JONIN IS SPARED...
AND ONLY THEN THAT HIS
SUFFERING MIGHT BE
PROLONGED TO MATCH
TOMBSTONE'S LONELINESS

THE ORANGE STICKINESS ON
THE BLADE RUNS WARM AND
SYRUPY OVER THE KILLER'S
TONGUE...

LIFE'S
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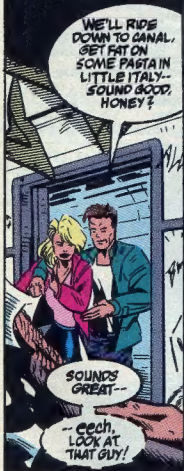


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